

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION	DOCKET NOS. PGA-02-58 WRU-02-38-222
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**ORDER DOCKETING ANNUAL PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT
RECONCILIATION AND WAIVER REQUEST**

(Issued October 7, 2002)

On October 1, 2002, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) its Annual Purchased Gas Adjustment Reconciliation. The filing was identified as Docket No. PGA-02-58. Also on October 1, 2002, Atmos filed a request for waiver of the provisions of 199 IAC 19.10(7) that limit the annual reconciliation to the 12-month period beginning September 2001 and the requirement that any underbillings be recovered through adjustments during the ten-month period November 1, 2002, to August 31, 2003. The Board has identified the waiver request as Docket No. WRU-02-38-222. Atmos requests that it be allowed to include out-of-period adjustments in this reconciliation and to spread the under-collections from those out-of-period adjustments over a three-year period.

The annual reconciliation filing and the waiver request will be docketed for further investigation. The Board has allowed out-of-period adjustments to be included in previous reconciliations, but only after investigation. In addition, the

Board has docketed the waiver even though Atmos has not filed the information required by 199 IAC 1.3. The Board will direct Atmos to file the required information.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Docket No. PGA-02-58 is docketed for further investigation.
2. Docket No. WRU-02-38-222 is docketed for further investigation.
3. Atmos Gas Company, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation, shall file the information required by 199 IAC 1.3 within 15 days of the date of this order.
4. Objections to the waiver request shall be filed on or before October 21, 2002.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 7th day of October, 2002.